

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE WILSONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JAMES H. (JIMMY) QUILLEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a cherished house of worship located in the beautiful Smoky Mountain foothills. On Sunday, September 17, 1995, the Wilsonville Baptist Church on Cave Church Road in Cocke County, TN, will celebrate 125 years of dedicated service to the people, to the Nation, and to God.

Since 1870, the tranquil valleys and mountain glens have echoed with mighty sermons and spirited hymns from this magnificent old church, and the messages they have instilled within the hearts of the few have been carried on to the hearts of many. With the guidance of Pastor Adam Sanders and scores of other church leaders throughout its past, Wilsonville Baptist has sent its members to honorable callings in many professions. It has sent its sons and daughters to serve with distinction in defense of America, and the church's legacy of love has made the community a better place for families to maintain the faith of tradition in living the words of the Scriptures.

Wilsonville Baptist Church is an excellent example of how good people in a free land can work and live to sow the seeds of Christian fellowship that have been the mainstay of our Nation's strength, and I only hope that more of our institutions can live up to this example.

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm and honor that I pay tribute to this symbol of community, the Wilsonville Baptist Church, and its outstanding Pastor, Adam Sanders, their members and friends.

TRIBUTE TO DR. E. CREDE HIESTAND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and good friend, Dr. E. Crede Hiestand. Dr. Hiestand, of my hometown of Old Fort, OH, is retiring after many dedicated years of service to this community.

Crede grew up in Old Fort and attended school there. After he completed medical school, he came back to Old Fort to set up his practice. Over the years, he has gone beyond the tasks expected of him, successfully striving for the highest level of excellence and professionalism. His reputation is that of a caring, thoughtful, and intelligent friend to all who know him.

Although his shoes will be difficult to fill, Dr. Hiestand can retire with the satisfaction of

knowing that his career will stand as a hallmark for others to emulate. In fact, his three sons, Daniel, Joseph, and Mathew, have all received their medical degrees.

Mr. Speaker, Crede Hiestand's distinguished career is a model of citizenship. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Crede, his wife, Dorothea, and their family well as the Hiestands begin this new chapter in their lives.

A SALUTE TO CLEMENT L. BUENGER: 1995 GREATER CIN- CINNATI BUSINESS HALL OF FAME LAUREATE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and prominent Cincinnati, Clement L. Buenger, who will be inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame on September 20, 1995. We thank him for the vision and service that he has so generously given to the business community and the entire Greater Cincinnati area.

Mr. Buenger began his career in 1944 with the U.S. Navy stationed in Manila on a Navy destroyer. He served honorably in our Nation's Armed Forces for 2 years. He then attended Xavier University and graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of science in business administration.

Mr. Buenger started his financial career with Kroger in the late fifties before moving to Fifth Third Bank. Mr. Buenger then worked for about 20 years in different positions before becoming chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Fifth Third in 1989. Under his leadership, Fifth Third became a national banking force by offering innovative banking products and services. During his tenure at Fifth Third, the bank's assets grew from \$569 million in 1969 to \$8.8 billion when he retired in 1993. Mr. Buenger blended the unique combination of financial, technological, and people skills that were needed to move Fifth Third ahead of other banks in the latest technology.

Mr. Buenger has also brought his high caliber of leadership to many areas outside of Fifth Third. He headed the Cincinnati Business Committee's [CBC] study of the Cincinnati Public School System known as the Buenger Commission, which provided a long-term plan for revitalizing Cincinnati's public schools.

He has given his time and talent to the Cincinnati community by serving on the advisory council of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, the advisory board of the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund, as well as other civic groups too numerous to mention here.

All of us in Cincinnati congratulate Mr. Buenger for this well-deserved recognition of his many accomplishments. We are grateful for all he has given to Greater Cincinnati.

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WASHINGTON AFRO-AMERICAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the District is fortunate to have as one of its leading publications the 104-year-old Washington Afro-American. The Afro is older and more revered than many of our monuments. It is a community voice of great credibility. Were it not for the Afro, some of the most important matters in the black community would go entirely uncovered. A newspaper does not live as long as the Afro has served this city unless it is serving a unique and special purpose very well.

Every time the Afro publishes, it engages in an act of leadership. I would like to enter into the RECORD an example of that leadership. It is an editorial entitled "Meeting with Newt." Many of my largely liberal Democratic constituents were suspicious when Speaker GINGRICH asked to appear at a town meeting in the District. What did this unprecedented appearance by the Republican Speaker mean? How should he be received by residents and officials? Would he help us or hurt us?

The Afro editorial tried to help D.C. residents and officials answer these legitimate questions. I urge Members to read the editorial and I submit it now for the RECORD.

MEETING WITH NEWT

D.C. residents who have an eye on the future are well aware of how important it is to pay attention to the Party that is in power.

The Republicans now control both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The Democrats only control the White House. Therefore, it would be political suicide for D.C. residents, who themselves are mostly members of a minority race, to pay attention to just one party.

It is therefore with understanding and good old-fashioned common sense that we welcome the town hall meetings now being held by the Republican Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.).

We applaud Cong. Eleanor Holmes Norton and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry (both Democrats) and even the members of the City Council and the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Franklin Smith, who sat on the platform with Mr. Gingrich at Eastern High School last week.

To our knowledge, this is the first time a Speaker of the House of any party affiliation has taken the time to come out in 90 degree weather and listen to, not talk down to D.C. residents. And to his credit, Mr. Gingrich did just a little talking and a whole lot of listening. As more of these town meetings are held, we urge leaders of organizations, other ministers, and people who both live and work in this city, to come out and tell the Speaker not just our problems but some of our successes. He needs to know what is working; he needs to hear from families who for generations have had an interest in this city; he needs to know that there is a good side, as well as a bad side, to what the Republicans have planned for this city—and he needs to

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